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George H. White's letter to the Washington Post was the statement of a man, and went straight to the marrow of the situation. He claims the right to go where he can do best for himself for his race, and for his own household. It is his privilege to locate in a place where a man can have a man's chance in the struggle of life. This should be anywhere the stars and stripes wave. It is the case where a white man is concerned, but it is far from true when the Negro enters the equation. Mr. White should be given a position under the government commensurate with his standing and party service, and he should accept no other. He did not err in the exhibit of his political resources. His letter, in this respect, was the frank declaration of a man who knew his place, and who wished to show that there were plenty of friends who were in sympathy with his contention. He knew that indorsements locked up in an official safe would grow cobwebs, but that an open card in a live newspaper would solve the combination and "call them up for examination." Mr. White is too valuable a man to be ignored when the honors are passed around.

*It is music in the ear of the colored republican when the managers confess that a state is doubtful. It means that the black brother is to be "in it." We are not wanted when the situation is a "cinch."*

In volunteering to contribute her time on Saturdays and Sundays to teaching Maryland's colored voters the rudiments, in order that they may qualify themselves for the suffrage next fall, Miss Lucy E. Moten, principal of our Normal School, shows that she has a firm grasp of the practical needs of the hour. She does not stop with talk. She gives her time and means to the promotion of any race movement which meets her approval. She is a magnificent specimen of Afro-American womanhood and sets a splendid example for all her sisters in vol-

unteering her aid in the solution of a vexed problem. It is hoped that some steps will be taken to utilize the services she so freely tenders. There is need of education in the state of Maryland.

*The True Reformers mercantile venture is in Washington to stay.*

Public sentiment is now in a formative state. Those who read the signs of the times, see a decided trend toward a very active and enterprising gentleman who makes his home at Oyster Bay, N. Y. His name is Theodore Roosevelt, and he is of ample Presidential size.

The ministers and laymen who came to Washington recently to attend the meeting of the A. M. E. Financial Board, were greeted with the fervent hospitality that they have long since learned to expect from the citizens of the national capital. They bring us inspiration and cheer from the sections they represent, and stir anew our ambitions and aspirations along spiritual and temporal lines, and we look forward with pleasurable anticipations to the recurring springtime which brings them here to go over the work of the Church they foster.

*Ohio is threatened with a severe attack of "tomjohnsonitis."*

Dr. Parkhurst has about as much business in the pulpit as the wild man of Borneo, in our opinion, but he told a whole lot of truth the other day in New York, when he said "the Southern white man hates the Negro and frankly owns up to it, and the Northern man hates him with equal venom, but lies about it." We have no desire to stir up further friction between the races, but the facts may as well be admitted. There is no use in crying peace when there is no peace. It is worthy of note, however, that the "good doctor" refrained from expressing his opinion of the Southerner until he was safely on the north side of the Mason and Dixon's line.

*The commencement season commences.*

We have noticed in several exchanges the comments upon the scheme of newspaper consolidation proposed by some of the correspondents of The Colored American. We agree that there should be fewer and better race papers, and that larger opportunities should be given for the able managers and writers whose services are available, but we doubt if any of the combinations suggested could be made with any hope of success. For the present, it is likely that the greater journals of the race will jog along in the usual harness, and bid for patronage in the old sweet way. We think that consolidation talk is "hot air."

*Mainly independence in a white man is denominated a virtue. In a Negro the same spirit becomes impudent assertion, and is condemned as a vice. "O tempora, O mores!"*

A St. Louis manufacturer will not employ women, because he believes that women are made for the home or for the education of children. He gives men liberal wages, on the theory that they will be able to marry and take care of the women. He claims that the competition of women in the industrial world reduces the pay of men to the point that when husband and wife both work, the compensation is not

more than the man alone would receive were the competition removed. This gives rise to a broad discussion, with much to be said on both sides. The competition of women in all walks of life is to be reckoned with to the end of the chapter, but we are of the opinion that larger wages for men and a more comfortable home life provided for women would promote marriage and the instinct of home-making that that lies at the very root of organized society, government and civilization.

Mr. White has quite correctly figured it out that neither the white people nor the black people "don't like no cheap man."

Dorsey Foulz is still uncaught. With Aguinaldo in the toils, the vaudeville "double up" suggested by us goes glimmering.

In naming the new fire chief, Commissioner Macfarland showed that he appreciates the value and recognizes the versatility of the newspaper man. We think Mr. Dutton will fill the bill.

We have been looking patiently for the illustrious Julius F. Taylor to assume the entire personal responsibility of the re-election of Carter Harrison to the mayoralty of Chicago. Is Brother Taylor growing modest these days?

Labor directed toward a worthy object is never lost, even if not properly rewarded nor appreciated at the time. He who is willing to labor on, without prospect of personal gain or promotion, will eventually be called higher. Watch it.

A division chief who will deny a white clerk a slated promotion because of unfairness in handling the records of a colored clerk deserves unlimited thanks as long as he lives, and a towering monument when he shall have passed from works to reward.

Speaking of "lame ducks," it is strange that no trouble was found in placing Carter, Thurston, Allen, Rodenburg, Barrett and others. Why is it so hard to locate a colored legislator, when it is admitted that he is to be provided for?

The upper and nether millstones are ever at work on the poor Negro. While the Southern white man is carrying his political prejudice into the North, the Northern white man, with no less energy, is carrying his labor prejudices into the South.

It is suggested by an irreverent correspondent that General Frederick Funston be started out with authority to round up the Hon. James C. Matthews, who has not been heard from for quite a while. Mr. Matthews is too bright a man to remain in exile, or to hide his light beneath a bushel.

We do not know that Public Printer Palmer has been extremely happy in his selection of a personal organ, if indeed he has selected one. Many a man needs to be protected from his fool friends, and the Public Printer is a great sufferer from self constituted champions, who have neither the brains nor decency to render him any service of value.

The Indianapolis Freeman, through its energetic and versatile Washington correspondent, Mr. R. W. Thompson, pays a deserved compliment to the

worth and ability of Prof. W. H. Richards, professor of international law in Howard University. The Professor is one of the purest and best men in public life today, and too much cannot be said in praise of his character and work. We are glad to note that his fame has long ago become national, and that the country at large is receiving inspiration from the example he has so well set for the Afro-American youth.

The Washington Post thinks the Negro talks too much about his future. Does not the successful man always keep a weather eye open for the day that is to come, and fortify himself to be equal to its obligations?

## ALL IS VANITY.

(For The Colored American)

From Maryland to Mexico two manly graces nobly grow,  
Courtly chivalrous, galantry and whole-souled hospitality,  
Yet though a woman's angel fair and more than angel good  
Thus chivalry falls dead before a drop of Negro blood  
And though a friend had saved his life this poor white slave of caste  
If this friend, black to share his roof would let him be the last,  
Alas, Alas, how true spake he that all, all, is vanity.

G. ALLEN THORNTON,

Savannah, Ga.

## Taking Advanced Grounds.

At the regular Monday meeting of the Ministerial Union held at Metropolitan A. M. E. church, the following resolutions looking toward reform in the conduction of funerals in the parishes represented by the Union, was adopted:—Resolved that we recommend

I. The discontinuance of all Sunday funerals. We find this to be the custom in the great city of Philadelphia to the satisfaction of all classes. The regular duties of Sunday are more than equal to the time and strength of the city pastor.

II. The discouragement of all forms of extravagance, especially in floral decorations, expensive caskets and the hiring of an unnecessary number of carriages.

III. That funeral services in the churches be conducted exclusively by ministers of the Gospel.

IV. We respectfully urge upon our people the grave need of promptness or punctuality at funeral both at the home and the church.

## It Stands Alone.

The Colored American at Washington is the only colored paper in the country that is sold at union newspaper stands in the country and it is the only paper that employs a first class cartoonist. This paper is leaving all others far in the distance.—Oil City (Tex.) Afro-American

## Mining Company Elect Officers.

The Accident Gold Mining Company held its annual meeting at the office of the Secretary, Tuesday, April 2, 1901. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: E. D. Carpenter, President; Wm. Horn, Vice-President; Romeo Marshall, Secretary and Treasurer. The board of trustees consist of the above named and C. D. Shade and J. W. Nelson.—Republic (Wash.) Pioneer.

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